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SUBJECT:PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER 17 INDOCHINA CONSULTATIVE
GROUP MEETING

1. GVN FINANCE MINISTER NHAN AND PLANNING COMMISSIONER
NGUYEN HUNG, IN MEETING WITH TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
COOPER, REEMPHASIZED GNV'S RELIANCE ON U.S. SUPPORT FOR ES-
TABLISHMENT OF A SUB-GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM UNDER UMBRELLA
OF IBRD/ADB-LED INDOCHINA CONSULTATIVE GROUP AT OCTOBER 17
PARIS MEETING. GVN DELEGATION AT CURRENT IMF/IBRD ANNUAL
MEETINGS WILL ALSO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH GERMANS,
JAPANESE AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS CONCERNING CONSULTATIVE
GROUP.

2. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS INDICATE
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THAT, IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY FORMATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM SUB-

GROUP, WE WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE ON:

(A) CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF ONGOING RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITH FIGURES ON EMPLOYMENT AND FUTURE INCREASES IN PRODUCTION, AND INDICATION OF SECURITY PROBLEMS OR THE ABSENCE THEREOF IN SUCH RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS; AND

(B) READINESS OF GVN WITH PLANS TO INCREASE LEVEL OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO COOR-

DINATED MULTILATERAL AID EFFORT, DRAWING, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM SUCH PROJECTS AS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED IN FY-1975-76 FIELD BUDGET SUBMISSION.

3. NHAN AND NGUYEN HUNG HAVE CABLED SAIGON TO WORK WITH U.S. MISSION IN DEVELOPING SPECIFIC DATA ON ABOVE. REQUEST YOU CABLE US THIS INFORMATION ASAP TO ASSIST OUR PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER 17 MEETING. IN THE EVENT YOU DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AFTER OCTOBER 12 REPEAT YOUR CABLE TO PARIS PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY COOPER. INGERSOLL

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